

Beyond Simplicity

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Basic Idea:

We all start out as simple/naïve/uninformed. Becoming wise is a process that we must put effort into. There is another path. The simple can become a scoffer, and then a fool. That is a path we must avoid.

- I. Introduction – Proverbs 1:20-22
 - a. Three characters are introduced:
 - i. Simple
 - ii. Scorer
 - iii. Fool
 - b. Represents a path from innocence to degradation
 - c. The purpose of the book of Proverbs is to set the hearer on the alternative path, from Simplicity to Wisdom Proverbs 1:1-4
 - d. Since all men begin as Simple, we can either
 - i. Remain Simple
 - ii. Become a scoffer
 - iii. Become a fool
 - iv. Become wise
 - e. We want to examine the details of each of these characters and make application to how we deal with God's word and those around us
 - i. What is the essence of each of these characters?
 - ii. Which am I most like?
 - iii. How can I become more wise?
- II. The Simple
 - a. Defined:
 - i. to be spacious, be open, be wide
 - ii. to be open-minded, be simple, be naive
 - iii. to be enticed, be deceived
 - iv. to be deceived, be gullible
 - v. to be persuaded
 - vi. to be deceived
 - vii. simplicity, naivete adj
 - viii. simple, foolish, open-minded
 - b. "How long will you love simplicity?" Open-mindedness is a character flaw when the truth is available and not accepted. "The teacher tells me that $2+2=4$, but I'm trying to keep an open mind about it." Don't be so open-minded that your brains fall out!
 - c. It is far better to be simple than to prejudge, or pretend we know when we don't. But it can be deadly to be paralyzed with indecision when the information is available. Squirrel in the road.
 - d. The simple either:
 - i. Is not aware of his ignorance

- ii. Or embraces his ignorance
- e. Characteristics of the Simple
 - i. [Proverbs 14:15](#)
The **simple** believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps.
[Proverbs 14:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)
 - ii. [Proverbs 22:3](#)
A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, But the **simple** pass on and are punished.
[Proverbs 22:2-4](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 22](#) (Whole Chapter)

III. The Scoffer

- a. Defined:
 - i. to scorn, make mouths at, talk arrogantly
 - ii. to boast
 - iii. to scorn
 - iv. to mock
 - v. to be inflated, scoff, act as a scorner, show oneself a mocker
- b. Each of the characters differs from the others in their relationship to knowledge. The scoffer's relationship to knowledge is indifference. He doesn't care what is correct, his primary concern is laughing at others.
 - i. They laugh at the mistakes of others
 - ii. They laugh at anyone who is in earnest when they don't care
 - iii. They laugh at anyone who attempts to correct them.
 - iv. "Scorners delight in their scorning"
- c. Characteristics of the Scoffer
 - i. [Proverbs 21:24](#)
A proud and haughty man--"**Scoffer**" is his name; He acts with arrogant pride.
[Proverbs 21:23-25](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)
 - ii. [Proverbs 15:12](#)
A **scoffer** does not love one who corrects him, Nor will he go to the wise.
[Proverbs 15:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

IV. The Fool

- a. Defined:
 - i. of one who despises wisdom
 - ii. of one who mocks when guilty
 - iii. of one who is quarrelsome
 - iv. of one who is licentious
 - v. fool, stupid fellow, dullard, simpleton, arrogant one
- b. "Fools hate knowledge" – Much is said in the book of Proverbs about the fool. His mishaps cover an enormous range of sin, stupidity and silliness. The distinguishing characteristic of the fool in all his guises, however is this trait: he hates knowledge. The fool mistakes his ignorance for wisdom. And he is full of it, and he is full of himself. He sees around him nothing but stupid people who do not understand. In reality, he is the one

who is out of touch with reality. He is in the depths of self deception, and the book of Proverbs gives little hope for his recovery.

c. Characteristics of the Fool

- i. • [Proverbs 10:23](#)
To do evil is like sport to a **fool**, But a man of understanding has wisdom.
[Proverbs 10:22-24](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)
- ii. [Proverbs 12:15](#)
The way of a **fool** is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.
[Proverbs 12:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 12](#) (Whole Chapter)
- iii. [Proverbs 14:3](#)
In the mouth of a **fool** is a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.
[Proverbs 14:2-4](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)
- iv. [Proverbs 29:20](#)
Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him.
[Proverbs 29:19-21](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)
- v. [Proverbs 26:12](#)
Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him.
[Proverbs 26:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

V. The Wise

a. Defined

- i. skilful (in technical work)
- ii. wise (in administration)
- iii. shrewd, crafty, cunning, wily, subtle
- iv. learned, shrewd (class of men)
- v. prudent
- vi. wise (ethically and religiously)
- vii. to look at or upon, have insight
- viii. to give attention to, consider, ponder, be prudent
- ix. to have insight, have comprehension 1b

b. The relationship of the wise to knowledge is that:

- i. He knows he does not have all he needs
- ii. He values it highly
- iii. He seeks it
- iv. He lives it
- v. He teaches it

c.

Characteristics of the Wise

Their relationship to:

- Knowledge:
 - o The simple lacks it
 - o The scorner laughs at it
 - o The fool hates it
 - o The wise loves it, seeks it, treasures it, dispenses it
- Their own ignorance:
 - o The simple is unaware of it, or loves it
 - o The scorner laughs at it, and anyone who points it out
 - o The fool mistakes it for wisdom
 - o The wise informs it
- Punishment/Correction
 - o The simple learns from theirs and others
 - o The scorner hates it, and those who give it
 - o The fool is destined to receive much of it
 - o The wise loves it, and those who give it

Self-Examination:

- What is my

Invitation:

- [Proverbs 3:35](#)

The **wise** shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of **fools**.

[Proverbs 3:34-36](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 3](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:24](#)

The way of life winds upward for the **wise**, That he may turn away from hell [Or Sheol] below.

[Proverbs 15:23-25](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

2 Tim 3:15

Simple passages

- [Proverbs 1:4](#)

To give prudence to the **simple**, To the young man knowledge and discretion--

[Proverbs 1:3-5](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 1](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 1:22](#)

"How long, you **simple** ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

[Proverbs 1:21-23](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 1](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 1:32](#)

For the turning away of the **simple** will slay them, And the complacency of fools will

destroy them;

[Proverbs 1:31-33](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 1](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 7:7](#)

And saw among the **simple**, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of understanding,

[Proverbs 7:6-8](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 8:5](#)

O you **simple** ones, understand prudence, And you fools, be of an understanding heart.

[Proverbs 8:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 8](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 9:4](#)

"Whoever is **simple**, let him turn in here!" As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

[Proverbs 9:3-5](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 9:13](#)

[*The Way of Folly*] A foolish woman is clamorous; She is **simple**, and knows nothing.

[Proverbs 9:12-14](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 9:16](#)

"Whoever is **simple**, let him turn in here"; And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

[Proverbs 9:15-17](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:15](#)

The **simple** believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps.

[Proverbs 14:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:18](#)

The **simple** inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

[Proverbs 14:17-19](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 19:25](#)

Strike a scoffer, and the **simple** will become wary; Rebuke one who has understanding, and he will discern knowledge.

[Proverbs 19:24-26](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 19](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 21:11](#)

When the scoffer is punished, the **simple** is made wise; But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

[Proverbs 21:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 22:3](#)

A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, But the **simple** pass on and are punished.

[Proverbs 22:2-4](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 22](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 27:12](#)

A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; The **simple** pass on and are punished.

[Proverbs 27:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 27](#) (Whole Chapter)

[Psalm 19:7](#)

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the **simple**;

[Psalm 119:130](#)

The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the **simple**.

[Psalm 119:129-131](#) (in Context) [Psalm 119](#) (Whole Chapter)

Scoffer passages

1. [Proverbs 9:7](#)
"He who corrects a **scoffer** gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.
[Proverbs 9:6-8](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 9](#) (Whole Chapter)
2. [Proverbs 9:8](#)
Do not correct a **scoffer**, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.
[Proverbs 9:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 9](#) (Whole Chapter)
3. [Proverbs 13:1](#)
[*Wisdom Loves Righteousness*] A wise son heeds his father's instruction, But a **scoffer** does not listen to rebuke.
[Proverbs 13:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 13](#) (Whole Chapter)
4. [Proverbs 14:6](#)
A **scoffer** seeks wisdom and does not find it, But knowledge is easy to him who understands.
[Proverbs 14:5-7](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)
5. [Proverbs 15:12](#)
A **scoffer** does not love one who corrects him, Nor will he go to the wise.
[Proverbs 15:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)
6. [Proverbs 17:21](#)
He who begets a **scoffer** does so to his sorrow, And the father of a fool has no joy.
[Proverbs 17:20-22](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)
7. [Proverbs 19:25](#)
Strike a **scoffer**, and the simple will become wary; Rebuke one who has understanding, and he will discern knowledge.
[Proverbs 19:24-26](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 19](#) (Whole Chapter)
8. [Proverbs 19:29](#)
Judgments are prepared for **scoffers**, And beatings for the backs of fools.
[Proverbs 19:28-30](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 19](#) (Whole Chapter)
9. [Proverbs 21:11](#)
When the **scoffer** is punished, the simple is made wise; But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.
[Proverbs 21:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)
10. [Proverbs 21:24](#)
A proud and haughty man--"**Scoffer**" is his name; He acts with arrogant pride.
[Proverbs 21:23-25](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)
11. [Proverbs 22:10](#)
Cast out the **scoffer**, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease.
[Proverbs 22:9-11](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 22](#) (Whole Chapter)

12. [Proverbs 24:9](#)

The devising of foolishness is sin, And the **scoffer** is an abomination to men.

[Proverbs 24:8-10](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 24](#) (Whole Chapter)

13. [Proverbs 29:8](#)

Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise men turn away wrath.

[Proverbs 29:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)

Fool passages

• [Proverbs 7:22](#)

Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a **fool** to the correction of the stocks, [Septuagint, Syriac, and Targum read as a dog to bonds; Vulgate reads as a lamb ... to bonds.]

[Proverbs 7:21-23](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

• [Proverbs 10:8](#)

The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating **fool** will fall.

[Proverbs 10:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

• [Proverbs 10:10](#)

He who winks with the eye causes trouble, But a prating **fool** will fall.

[Proverbs 10:9-11](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

• [Proverbs 10:18](#)

Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a **fool**.

[Proverbs 10:17-19](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

• [Proverbs 10:23](#)

To do evil is like sport to a **fool**, But a man of understanding has wisdom.

[Proverbs 10:22-24](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

• [Proverbs 11:29](#)

He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the **fool** will be servant to the wise of heart.

[Proverbs 11:28-30](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 11](#) (Whole Chapter)

• [Proverbs 12:15](#)

The way of a **fool** is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

[Proverbs 12:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 12](#) (Whole Chapter)

• [Proverbs 13:16](#)

Every prudent man acts with knowledge, But a **fool** lays open his folly.

[Proverbs 13:15-17](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 13](#) (Whole Chapter)

• [Proverbs 14:3](#)

In the mouth of a **fool** is a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.

[Proverbs 14:2-4](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

• [Proverbs 14:16](#)

A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a **fool** rages and is self-confident.

[Proverbs 14:15-17](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

• [Proverbs 15:5](#)

A **fool** despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent.

[Proverbs 15:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:7](#)

The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the **fool** does not do so.

[Proverbs 15:6-8](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:7](#)

Excellent speech is not becoming to a **fool**, Much less lying lips to a prince.

[Proverbs 17:6-8](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:10](#)

Rebuke is more effective for a wise man Than a hundred blows on a **fool**.

[Proverbs 17:9-11](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:12](#)

Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, Rather than a **fool** in his folly.

[Proverbs 17:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:16](#)

Why is there in the hand of a **fool** the purchase price of wisdom, Since he has no heart for it?

[Proverbs 17:15-17](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:21](#)

He who begets a scoffer does so to his sorrow, And the father of a **fool** has no joy.

[Proverbs 17:20-22](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:24](#)

Wisdom is in the sight of him who has understanding, But the eyes of a **fool** are on the ends of the earth.

[Proverbs 17:23-25](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:28](#)

Even a **fool** is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.

[Proverbs 17:27-29](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 18:2](#)

A **fool** has no delight in understanding, But in expressing his own heart.

[Proverbs 18:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 18](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 19:1](#)

[*The Fear of the Lord Leads to Life*] Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a **fool**.

[Proverbs 19:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 19](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 19:10](#)

Luxury is not fitting for a **fool**, Much less for a servant to rule over princes.

[Proverbs 19:9-11](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 19](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 20:3](#)

It is honorable for a man to stop striving, Since any **fool** can start a quarrel.

[Proverbs 20:2-4](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 20](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 23:9](#)

Do not speak in the hearing of a **fool**, For he will despise the wisdom of your words.

[Proverbs 23:8-10](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 23](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 24:7](#)

Wisdom is too lofty for a **fool**; He does not open his mouth in the gate.

[Proverbs 24:6-8](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 24](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:1](#)

[*Honor Is Not Fitting for a Fool*] As snow in summer and rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a **fool**.

[Proverbs 26:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:4](#)

Do not answer a **fool** according to his folly, Lest you also be like him.

[Proverbs 26:3-5](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:5](#)

Answer a **fool** according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

[Proverbs 26:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:6](#)

He who sends a message by the hand of a **fool** Cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.

[Proverbs 26:5-7](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:8](#)

Like one who binds a stone in a sling Is he who gives honor to a **fool**.

[Proverbs 26:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:10](#)

The great God who formed everything Gives the **fool** his hire and the transgressor his wages. [The Hebrew is difficult; ancient and modern translators differ greatly.]

[Proverbs 26:9-11](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:11](#)

As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a **fool** repeats his folly.

[Proverbs 26:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:12](#)

Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him.

[Proverbs 26:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 27:22](#)

Though you grind a **fool** in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, Yet his foolishness will not depart from him.

[Proverbs 27:21-23](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 27](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 28:26](#)

He who trusts in his own heart is a **fool**, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

[Proverbs 28:25-27](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 28](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 29:9](#)

If a wise man contends with a foolish man, Whether the **fool** rages or laughs, there is no peace.

[Proverbs 29:8-10](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 29:11](#)

A **fool** vents all his feelings, [Literally spirit] But a wise man holds them back.

[Proverbs 29:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 29:20](#)

Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him.

[Proverbs 29:19-21](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 30:22](#)

For a servant when he reigns, A **fool** when he is filled with food,

[Proverbs 30:21-23](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 30](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:12](#)

[*The End of the Wise and the Fool*] Then I turned myself to consider wisdom and madness and folly; For what can the man do who succeeds the king?-- Only what he has already done.

[Ecclesiastes 2:11-13](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:14](#)

The wise man's eyes are in his head, But the **fool** walks in darkness. Yet I myself perceived That the same event happens to them all.

[Ecclesiastes 2:13-15](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:15](#)

So I said in my heart, "As it happens to the **fool**, It also happens to me, And why was I then more wise?" Then I said in my heart, "This also is vanity."

[Ecclesiastes 2:14-16](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:16](#)

For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the **fool** forever, Since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the **fool**!

[Ecclesiastes 2:15-17](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:19](#)

And who knows whether he will be wise or a **fool**? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity.

[Ecclesiastes 2:18-20](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 4:5](#)

The **fool** folds his hands And consumes his own flesh.

[Ecclesiastes 4:4-6](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 4](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 6:8](#)

For what more has the wise man than the **fool**? What does the poor man have, Who knows how to walk before the living?

[Ecclesiastes 6:7-9](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 6](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 7:6](#)

For like the crackling of thorns under a pot, So is the laughter of the **fool**. This also is vanity.

[Ecclesiastes 7:5-7](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 10:3](#)

Even when a **fool** walks along the way, He lacks wisdom, And he shows everyone that he is a **fool**.

[Ecclesiastes 10:2-4](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 10:12](#)

The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious, But the lips of a **fool** shall swallow him up;

[Ecclesiastes 10:11-13](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 10:14](#)

A **fool** also multiplies words. No man knows what is to be; Who can tell him what will be after him?

[Ecclesiastes 10:13-15](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

Wise/Prudent passages

1. [Proverbs 12:16](#)
A fool's wrath is known at once, But a **prudent** man covers shame.
[Proverbs 12:15-17](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 12](#) (Whole Chapter)
2. [Proverbs 12:23](#)
A **prudent** man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.
[Proverbs 12:22-24](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 12](#) (Whole Chapter)
3. [Proverbs 13:16](#)
Every **prudent** man acts with knowledge, But a fool lays open his folly.
[Proverbs 13:15-17](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 13](#) (Whole Chapter)
4. [Proverbs 14:8](#)
The wisdom of the **prudent** is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit.
[Proverbs 14:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)
5. [Proverbs 14:15](#)
The simple believes every word, But the **prudent** considers well his steps.
[Proverbs 14:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)
6. [Proverbs 14:18](#)
The simple inherit folly, But the **prudent** are crowned with knowledge.
[Proverbs 14:17-19](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)
7. [Proverbs 15:5](#)
A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is **prudent**.
[Proverbs 15:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)
8. [Proverbs 16:21](#)
The wise in heart will be called **prudent**, And sweetness of the lips increases learning.
[Proverbs 16:20-22](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 16](#) (Whole Chapter)
9. [Proverbs 18:15](#)
The heart of the **prudent** acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
[Proverbs 18:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 18](#) (Whole Chapter)
10. [Proverbs 19:14](#)
Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a **prudent** wife is from the LORD.
[Proverbs 19:13-15](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 19](#) (Whole Chapter)
11. [Proverbs 22:3](#)
A **prudent** man foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished.
[Proverbs 22:2-4](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 22](#) (Whole Chapter)
12. [Proverbs 27:12](#)
A **prudent** man foresees evil and hides himself; The simple pass on and are punished.
[Proverbs 27:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 27](#) (Whole Chapter)
13. [Ecclesiastes 5:1](#)
[*Fear God, Keep Your Vows*] [*Fear God and Keep Your Word*] Walk **prudently** when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to

give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.
[Ecclesiastes 5:1-3](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 5](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 1:5](#)

A **wise** man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain **wise** counsel,

[Proverbs 1:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 1](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 1:6](#)

To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the **wise** and their riddles.

[Proverbs 1:5-7](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 1](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 3:7](#)

Do not be **wise** in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

[Proverbs 3:6-8](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 3](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 3:35](#)

The **wise** shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools.

[Proverbs 3:34-36](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 3](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 6:6](#)

[*The Folly of Indolence*] Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be **wise**,

[Proverbs 6:5-7](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 6](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 8:33](#)

Hear instruction and be **wise**, And do not disdain it.

[Proverbs 8:32-34](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 8](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 9:8](#)

Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a **wise** man, and he will love you.

[Proverbs 9:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 9:9](#)

Give instruction to a **wise** man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

[Proverbs 9:8-10](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 9:12](#)

If you are **wise**, you are **wise** for yourself, And if you scoff, you will bear it alone."

[Proverbs 9:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 10:1](#)

[*Wise Sayings of Solomon*] [*A Wise Son and a Foolish Son*] The proverbs of Solomon:

A **wise** son makes a glad father, But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

[Proverbs 10:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 10:5](#)

He who gathers in summer is a **wise** son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.

[Proverbs 10:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 10:8](#)

The **wise** in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall.

[Proverbs 10:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 10:14](#)

Wise people store up knowledge, But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

[Proverbs 10:13-15](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 10:19](#)

In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is **wise**.

[Proverbs 10:18-20](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 11:29](#)

He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the fool will be servant to the **wise** of heart.

[Proverbs 11:28-30](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 11](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 11:30](#)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is **wise**.

[Proverbs 11:29-31](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 11](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 12:15](#)

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is **wise**.

[Proverbs 12:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 12](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 12:18](#)

There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the **wise** promotes health.

[Proverbs 12:17-19](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 12](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 13:1](#)

[*Wisdom Loves Righteousness*] A **wise** son heeds his father's instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

[Proverbs 13:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 13](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 13:14](#)

The law of the **wise** is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

[Proverbs 13:13-15](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 13](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 13:20](#)

He who walks with **wise** men will be **wise**, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

[Proverbs 13:19-21](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 13](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:1](#)

[*The Ways of Life and Death*] The **wise** woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

[Proverbs 14:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:3](#)

In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, But the lips of the **wise** will preserve them.

[Proverbs 14:2-4](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:16](#)

A **wise** man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.

[Proverbs 14:15-17](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:24](#)

The crown of the **wise** is their riches, But the foolishness of fools is folly.

[Proverbs 14:23-25](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:35](#)

The king's favor is toward a **wise** servant, But his wrath is against him who causes shame.

[Proverbs 14:34-36](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:2](#)

The tongue of the **wise** uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

[Proverbs 15:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:7](#)

The lips of the **wise** disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool does not do so.

[Proverbs 15:6-8](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:12](#)

A scoffer does not love one who corrects him, Nor will he go to the **wise**.

[Proverbs 15:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:20](#)

A **wise** son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother.

[Proverbs 15:19-21](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:24](#)

The way of life winds upward for the **wise**, That he may turn away from hell [Or Sheol] below.

[Proverbs 15:23-25](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:31](#)

The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the **wise**.

[Proverbs 15:30-32](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 16:14](#)

As messengers of death is the king's wrath, But a **wise** man will appease it.

[Proverbs 16:13-15](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 16](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 16:21](#)

The **wise** in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning.

[Proverbs 16:20-22](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 16](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 16:23](#)

The heart of the **wise** teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips.

[Proverbs 16:22-24](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 16](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:2](#)

A **wise** servant will rule over a son who causes shame, And will share an inheritance among the brothers.

[Proverbs 17:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:10](#)

Rebuke is more effective for a **wise** man Than a hundred blows on a fool.

[Proverbs 17:9-11](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:28](#)

Even a fool is counted **wise** when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.

[Proverbs 17:27-29](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 18:1](#)

[*The Name of the LORD Is a Strong Tower*] A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all **wise** judgment.

[Proverbs 18:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 18](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 18:15](#)

The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the **wise** seeks knowledge.

[Proverbs 18:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 18](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 19:20](#)

Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be **wise** in your latter days.

[Proverbs 19:19-21](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 19](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 20:1](#)

[*Wine Is a Mocker*] Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not **wise**.

[Proverbs 20:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 20](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 20:18](#)

Plans are established by counsel; By **wise** counsel wage war.

[Proverbs 20:17-19](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 20](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 20:26](#)

A **wise** king sifts out the wicked, And brings the threshing wheel over them.

[Proverbs 20:25-27](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 20](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 21:11](#)

When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made **wise**; But when the **wise** is instructed, he receives knowledge.

[Proverbs 21:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 21:20](#)

There is desirable treasure, And oil in the dwelling of the **wise**, But a foolish man squanders it.

[Proverbs 21:19-21](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 21:22](#)

A **wise** man scales the city of the mighty, And brings down the trusted stronghold.

[Proverbs 21:21-23](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 22:17](#)

[*Sayings of the Wise*] Incline your ear and hear the words of the **wise**, And apply your heart to my knowledge;

[Proverbs 22:16-18](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 22](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 23:15](#)

My son, if your heart is **wise**, My heart will rejoice--indeed, I myself;

[Proverbs 23:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 23](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 23:19](#)

Hear, my son, and be **wise**; And guide your heart in the way.

[Proverbs 23:18-20](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 23](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 23:24](#)

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a **wise** child will delight in him.

[Proverbs 23:23-25](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 23](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 24:5](#)

A **wise** man is strong, Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength;

[Proverbs 24:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 24](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 24:6](#)

For by **wise** counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors there

is safety.

[Proverbs 24:5-7](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 24](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 24:23](#)

[*Further Sayings of the Wise*] These things also belong to the **wise**: It is not good to show partiality in judgment.

[Proverbs 24:22-24](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 24](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 25:1](#)

[*Further Wise Sayings of Solomon*] [*Rule Your Spirit*] These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied:

[Proverbs 25:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 25](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 25:12](#)

Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold Is a **wise** rebuker to an obedient ear.

[Proverbs 25:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 25](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:5](#)

Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be **wise** in his own eyes.

[Proverbs 26:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:12](#)

Do you see a man **wise** in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

[Proverbs 26:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 27:1](#)

[*My Son, Be Wise*] Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

[Proverbs 27:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 27](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 27:11](#)

My son, be **wise**, and make my heart glad, That I may answer him who reproaches me.

[Proverbs 27:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 27](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 28:11](#)

The rich man is **wise** in his own eyes, But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

[Proverbs 28:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 28](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 29:8](#)

Scoffers set a city aflame, But **wise** men turn away wrath.

[Proverbs 29:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 29:9](#)

If a **wise** man contends with a foolish man, Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.

[Proverbs 29:8-10](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 29:11](#)

A fool vents all his feelings, [Literally spirit] But a **wise** man holds them back.

[Proverbs 29:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 30:24](#)

There are four things which are little on the earth, But they are exceedingly **wise**:

[Proverbs 30:23-25](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 30](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:12](#)

[*The End of the Wise and the Fool*] Then I turned myself to consider wisdom and madness and folly; For what can the man do who succeeds the king?-- Only what he has

already done.

[Ecclesiastes 2:11-13](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:14](#)

The **wise** man's eyes are in his head, But the fool walks in darkness. Yet I myself perceived That the same event happens to them all.

[Ecclesiastes 2:13-15](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:15](#)

So I said in my heart, "As it happens to the fool, It also happens to me, And why was I then more **wise**?" Then I said in my heart, "This also is vanity."

[Ecclesiastes 2:14-16](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:16](#)

For there is no more remembrance of the **wise** than of the fool forever, Since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a **wise** man die? As the fool!

[Ecclesiastes 2:15-17](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:19](#)

And who knows whether he will be **wise** or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself **wise** under the sun. This also is vanity.

[Ecclesiastes 2:18-20](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 4:13](#)

[*Popularity Passes Away*] Better a poor and **wise** youth Than an old and foolish king who will be admonished no more.

[Ecclesiastes 4:12-14](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 4](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 6:8](#)

For what more has the **wise** man than the fool? What does the poor man have, Who knows how to walk before the living?

[Ecclesiastes 6:7-9](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 6](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 7:4](#)

The heart of the **wise** is in the house of mourning, But the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

[Ecclesiastes 7:3-5](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 7:5](#)

It is better to hear the rebuke of the **wise** Than for a man to hear the song of fools.

[Ecclesiastes 7:4-6](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 7:7](#)

Surely oppression destroys a **wise** man's reason, And a bribe debases the heart.

[Ecclesiastes 7:6-8](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 7:16](#)

Do not be overly righteous, Nor be overly **wise**: Why should you destroy yourself?

[Ecclesiastes 7:15-17](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 7:19](#)

Wisdom strengthens the **wise** More than ten rulers of the city.

[Ecclesiastes 7:18-20](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 7:23](#)

All this I have proved by wisdom. I said, "I will be **wise**"; But it was far from me.

[Ecclesiastes 7:22-24](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 8:1**](#)

[*Obey Authorities for God's Sake*] Who is like a **wise** man? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, And the sternness of his face is changed.

[Ecclesiastes 8:1-3](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 8](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 8:5**](#)

He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; And a **wise** man's heart discerns both time and judgment,

[Ecclesiastes 8:4-6](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 8](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 8:17**](#)

then I saw all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover it, yet he will not find it; moreover, though a **wise** man attempts to know it, he will not be able to find it.

[Ecclesiastes 8:16-18](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 8](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 9:1**](#)

[*Death Comes to All*] For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all: that the righteous and the **wise** and their works are in the hand of God. People know neither love nor hatred by anything they see before them.

[Ecclesiastes 9:1-3](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 9:11**](#)

I returned and saw under the sun that-- The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the **wise**, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all.

[Ecclesiastes 9:10-12](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 9:15**](#)

Now there was found in it a poor **wise** man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that same poor man.

[Ecclesiastes 9:14-16](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 9:17**](#)

Words of the **wise**, spoken quietly, should be heard Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools.

[Ecclesiastes 9:16-18](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 10:2**](#)

A **wise** man's heart is at his right hand, But a fool's heart at his left.

[Ecclesiastes 10:1-3](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 10:12**](#)

The words of a **wise** man's mouth are gracious, But the lips of a fool shall swallow him up;

[Ecclesiastes 10:11-13](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 12:9**](#)

[*The Whole Duty of Man*] And moreover, because the Preacher was **wise**, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs.

[Ecclesiastes 12:8-10](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 12](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [**Ecclesiastes 12:11**](#)

The words of the **wise** are like goads, and the words of scholars [Literally masters of the

assemblies] are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.
[Ecclesiastes 12:10-12](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 12](#) (Whole Chapter)

Simple/Scoffer

1. [Proverbs 19:25](#)
Strike a **scoffer**, and the **simple** will become wary; Rebuke one who has understanding, and he will discern knowledge.
[Proverbs 19:24-26](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 19](#) (Whole Chapter)
2. [Proverbs 21:11](#)
When the **scoffer** is punished, the **simple** is made wise; But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.
[Proverbs 21:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)

Simple/Fool

- [Proverbs 1:22](#)
"How long, you **simple** ones, will you love simplicity? For scorers delight in their scorning, And **fools** hate knowledge.
[Proverbs 1:21-23](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 1](#) (Whole Chapter)
- [Proverbs 1:32](#)
For the turning away of the **simple** will slay them, And the complacency of **fools** will destroy them;
[Proverbs 1:31-33](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 1](#) (Whole Chapter)
- [Proverbs 8:5](#)
O you **simple** ones, understand prudence, And you **fools**, be of an understanding heart.
[Proverbs 8:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 8](#) (Whole Chapter)
- [Proverbs 9:13](#)
[*The Way of Folly*] A **foolish** woman is clamorous; She is **simple**, and knows nothing.
[Proverbs 9:12-14](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

Simple/Wise

1. [Psalm 19:7](#)
The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making **wise** the **simple**;
[Psalm 19:6-8](#) (in Context) [Psalm 19](#) (Whole Chapter)
2. [Proverbs 21:11](#)
When the scoffer is punished, the **simple** is made **wise**; But when the **wise** is instructed, he receives knowledge.
[Proverbs 21:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)

Simple/Prudent

1. [**Proverbs 14:15**](#)
The **simple** believes every word, But the **prudent** considers well his steps.
[Proverbs 14:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)
2. [**Proverbs 14:18**](#)
The **simple** inherit folly, But the **prudent** are crowned with knowledge.
[Proverbs 14:17-19](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)
3. [**Proverbs 22:3**](#)
A **prudent** man foresees evil and hides himself, But the **simple** pass on and are punished.
[Proverbs 22:2-4](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 22](#) (Whole Chapter)
4. [**Proverbs 27:12**](#)
A **prudent** man foresees evil and hides himself; The **simple** pass on and are punished.
[Proverbs 27:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 27](#) (Whole Chapter)

Scoffer/Prudent

Fool/Prudent

1. [**Proverbs 12:16**](#)
A **fool's** wrath is known at once, But a **prudent** man covers shame.
[Proverbs 12:15-17](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 12](#) (Whole Chapter)
2. [**Proverbs 12:23**](#)
A **prudent** man conceals knowledge, But the heart of **fools** proclaims **foolishness**.
[Proverbs 12:22-24](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 12](#) (Whole Chapter)
3. [**Proverbs 13:16**](#)
Every **prudent** man acts with knowledge, But a **fool** lays open his folly.
[Proverbs 13:15-17](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 13](#) (Whole Chapter)
4. [**Proverbs 14:8**](#)
The wisdom of the **prudent** is to understand his way, But the folly of **fools** is deceit.
[Proverbs 14:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)
5. [**Proverbs 15:5**](#)
A **fool** despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is **prudent**.
[Proverbs 15:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)
6. [**Ecclesiastes 5:1**](#)
[*Fear God, Keep Your Vows*] [*Fear God and Keep Your Word*] Walk **prudently** when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of **fools**, for they do not know that they do evil.
[Ecclesiastes 5:1-3](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 5](#) (Whole Chapter)

Scoffer/Fool

1. [Proverbs 17:21](#)
He who begets a **scoffer** does so to his sorrow, And the father of a **fool** has no joy.
[Proverbs 17:20-22](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)
2. [Proverbs 19:29](#)
Judgments are prepared for **scoffers**, And beatings for the backs of **fools**.
[Proverbs 19:28-30](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 19](#) (Whole Chapter)
3. [Proverbs 24:9](#)
The devising of **foolishness** is sin, And the **scoffer** is an abomination to men.
[Proverbs 24:8-10](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 24](#) (Whole Chapter)

Scoffer/Wise

1. [Proverbs 9:8](#)
Do not correct a **scoffer**, lest he hate you; Rebuke a **wise** man, and he will love you.
[Proverbs 9:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 9](#) (Whole Chapter)
2. [Proverbs 13:1](#)
[*Wisdom Loves Righteousness*] A **wise** son heeds his father's instruction, But a **scoffer** does not listen to rebuke.
[Proverbs 13:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 13](#) (Whole Chapter)
3. [Proverbs 15:12](#)
A **scoffer** does not love one who corrects him, Nor will he go to the **wise**.
[Proverbs 15:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)
4. [Proverbs 21:11](#)
When the **scoffer** is punished, the simple is made **wise**; But when the **wise** is instructed, he receives knowledge.
[Proverbs 21:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)
5. [Proverbs 29:8](#)
Scoffers set a city aflame, But **wise** men turn away wrath.
[Proverbs 29:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)

Fool/Wise

- [Proverbs 3:35](#)
The **wise** shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of **fools**.
[Proverbs 3:34-36](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 3](#) (Whole Chapter)
- [Proverbs 10:1](#)
[*Wise Sayings of Solomon*] [*A Wise Son and a Foolish Son*] The proverbs of Solomon:
A **wise** son makes a glad father, But a **foolish** son is the grief of his mother.
[Proverbs 10:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)
- [Proverbs 10:8](#)
The **wise** in heart will receive commands, But a prating **fool** will fall.
[Proverbs 10:7-9](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 10:14](#)

Wise people store up knowledge, But the mouth of the **foolish** is near destruction.

[Proverbs 10:13-15](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 11:29](#)

He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the **fool** will be servant to the **wise** of heart.

[Proverbs 11:28-30](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 11](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 12:15](#)

The way of a **fool** is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is **wise**.

[Proverbs 12:14-16](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 12](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 13:20](#)

He who walks with **wise** men will be **wise**, But the companion of **fools** will be destroyed.

[Proverbs 13:19-21](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 13](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:1](#)

[*The Ways of Life and Death*] The **wise** woman builds her house, But the **foolish** pulls it down with her hands.

[Proverbs 14:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:3](#)

In the mouth of a **fool** is a rod of pride, But the lips of the **wise** will preserve them.

[Proverbs 14:2-4](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:16](#)

A **wise** man fears and departs from evil, But a **fool** rages and is self-confident.

[Proverbs 14:15-17](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 14:24](#)

The crown of the **wise** is their riches, But the **foolishness** of **fools** is folly.

[Proverbs 14:23-25](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 14](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:2](#)

The tongue of the **wise** uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of **fools** pours forth **foolishness**.

[Proverbs 15:1-3](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:7](#)

The lips of the **wise** disperse knowledge, But the heart of the **fool** does not do so.

[Proverbs 15:6-8](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 15:20](#)

A **wise** son makes a father glad, But a **foolish** man despises his mother.

[Proverbs 15:19-21](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 15](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:10](#)

Rebuke is more effective for a **wise** man Than a hundred blows on a **fool**.

[Proverbs 17:9-11](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 17:28](#)

Even a **fool** is counted **wise** when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.

[Proverbs 17:27-29](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 17](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 21:20](#)

There is desirable treasure, And oil in the dwelling of the **wise**, But a **foolish** man

squanders it.

[Proverbs 21:19-21](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 21](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:5](#)

Answer a **fool** according to his folly, Lest he be **wise** in his own eyes.

[Proverbs 26:4-6](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 26:12](#)

Do you see a man **wise** in his own eyes? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him.

[Proverbs 26:11-13](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 26](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 28:26](#)

He who trusts in his own heart is a **fool**, But whoever walks **wisely** will be delivered.

[Proverbs 28:25-27](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 28](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 29:9](#)

If a **wise** man contends with a **foolish** man, Whether the **fool** rages or laughs, there is no peace.

[Proverbs 29:8-10](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Proverbs 29:11](#)

A **fool** vents all his feelings, [Literally spirit] But a **wise** man holds them back.

[Proverbs 29:10-12](#) (in Context) [Proverbs 29](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:12](#)

[*The End of the **Wise** and the **Fool***] Then I turned myself to consider wisdom and madness and folly; For what can the man do who succeeds the king?-- Only what he has already done.

[Ecclesiastes 2:11-13](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:14](#)

The **wise** man's eyes are in his head, But the **fool** walks in darkness. Yet I myself perceived That the same event happens to them all.

[Ecclesiastes 2:13-15](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:15](#)

So I said in my heart, "As it happens to the **fool**, It also happens to me, And why was I then more **wise**?" Then I said in my heart, "This also is vanity."

[Ecclesiastes 2:14-16](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:16](#)

For there is no more remembrance of the **wise** than of the **fool** forever, Since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a **wise** man die? As the **fool**!

[Ecclesiastes 2:15-17](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 2:19](#)

And who knows whether he will be **wise** or a **fool**? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself **wise** under the sun. This also is vanity.

[Ecclesiastes 2:18-20](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 2](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 4:13](#)

[*Popularity Passes Away*] Better a poor and **wise** youth Than an old and **foolish** king who will be admonished no more.

[Ecclesiastes 4:12-14](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 4](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 6:8](#)

For what more has the **wise** man than the **fool**? What does the poor man have, Who

knows how to walk before the living?

[Ecclesiastes 6:7-9](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 6](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 7:4](#)

The heart of the **wise** is in the house of mourning, But the heart of **fools** is in the house of mirth.

[Ecclesiastes 7:3-5](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 7:5](#)

It is better to hear the rebuke of the **wise** Than for a man to hear the song of **fools**.

[Ecclesiastes 7:4-6](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 7](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 9:17](#)

Words of the **wise**, spoken quietly, should be heard Rather than the shout of a ruler of **fools**.

[Ecclesiastes 9:16-18](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 10:2](#)

A **wise** man's heart is at his right hand, But a **fool's** heart at his left.

[Ecclesiastes 10:1-3](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

- [Ecclesiastes 10:12](#)

The words of a **wise** man's mouth are gracious, But the lips of a **fool** shall swallow him up;

[Ecclesiastes 10:11-13](#) (in Context) [Ecclesiastes 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

Definitions from Brown, Driver, Briggs, Gesenius Lexicon

1. Scoffer - to scorn, make mouths at, talk arrogantly
 - a. (Qal)
 1. to boast
 2. to scorn
 - b. (Hiphil)
 1. to mock, deride
 2. to interpret (language) 1b
 - c. interpreter (participle) 1b
 - d. ambassador (fig.)
 - e. (Hithpalpel) to be inflated, scoff, act as a scorner, show oneself a mocker
2. Simple –
 - a. to be spacious, be open, be wide
 1. (Qal) to be spacious or open or wide
 2. (Hiphil) to make spacious, make open
 - b. to be simple, entice, deceive, persuade
 1. (Qal)
 1. to be open-minded, be simple, be naive
 2. to be enticed, be deceived
 2. (Niphal) to be deceived, be gullible
 3. (Piel)
 1. to persuade, seduce
 2. to deceive
 4. (Pual)

1. to be persuaded
2. to be deceived

3. Simple

- a. simplicity, naivete adj
- b. simple, foolish, open-minded

4. Fool

- a. of one who despises wisdom
- b. of one who mocks when guilty
- c. of one who is quarrelsome
- d. of one who is licentious

5. Fool

- a. fool, stupid fellow, dullard, simpleton, arrogant one

6. Wise

- a. wise, wise (man)
 1. skilful (in technical work)
 2. wise (in administration)
 3. shrewd, crafty, cunning, wily, subtle
 4. learned, shrewd (class of men)
 5. prudent
 6. wise (ethically and religiously)
- b. to be wise
 1. (Qal) to be or become wise, act wisely
 2. (Piel) to make wise, teach wisdom, instruct
 3. (Pual) to be made wise
 4. (Hiphil) to make wise
 5. (Hithpael) to show oneself wise, deceive, show one's wisdom
- c. to be prudent, be circumspect, wisely understand, prosper
 1. (Qal) to be prudent, be circumspect
 2. (Hiphil)
 1. to look at or upon, have insight
 2. to give attention to, consider, ponder, be prudent
 3. to have insight, have comprehension 1b
 3. insight, comprehension (subst)
 1. to cause to consider, give insight, teach 1b
 4. the teachers, the wise
 1. to act circumspectly, act prudently, act wisely
 2. to prosper, have success
 3. to cause to prosper

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